

## SQUIBS FROM THE WATER FRONT

**OVER 42,000 MORE POUNDS OF  
N. S. LOBSTERS BROUGHT  
HERE THIS WEEK.**

The good old gulf stream, they say, is certainly kicking up quite a vapor these rare June days, when the fog is so thick that there is very much "seeing" room on the ocean. How long 'twill continue is hard to say, but the fishermen are hoping that conditions will get back to normal so that they may be able to sight steamers far enough away to keep out of their path.

Capt. Freeman Decker was in port over the week-end visiting Lendal Smith of Maplewood place. Capt. Decker used to be a prominent fisherman out of Gloucester, being engaged in nearly every type there was, and having as commands such vessels as the Margaret and the Catharine Howard.

The skipper is now the master of the teamer Atenas out of Philadelphia bound for Tela, Honduras, with accommodations for 80 passengers and plenty of cargo room. Capt. Decker used to have the steamer San Bruno, a smaller freighter of the United Fruit steamship line, plying to Central American ports.

Who was the old salt who refused to believe the sea yarn, sprung by one of his contemporaries, that in his vessel once, the end of the main boom was afire. However, the narrator swears that the story was correct and that he could prove it, for according to his version, the slack caused friction enough to start the fire. Strange things happen on the ocean.

Henry F. Brown, secretary of the Master Mariners and the Fishing Masters Producers' association is one busy man these days. As if managing Booth Fisheries were not enough for one man, he has the responsibility of arranging the pooling of all stocks on that mackerel landed a few weeks ago, and has also gained such popularity as a public speaker, that the Haverhill Rotary club has requested his presence this noon to tell their members about the trip of the Gertrude L. Thebaud to Washington, and how Skippers Clayt Morrissey and Joe Mesquite, responded to the greetings of President and Mrs. Roosevelt. Secretary Brown will soon be in the field for a few assistant secretaries, so Squibs thinks.

More lobsters were brought here Tuesday, all consigned to the Consolidated Lobster company of Bay View. There was the lobster smack Fannie with 186 crates or 26,040 pounds, which Capt. LeBlanc brought from Tusket, Nova Scotia. Right behind him was Skipper Morrissey in the lobster smack Satellite with 16,400 pounds from Louisburg, Cape Breton.

## FISH RECEIPTS BETTER TODAY

**THREE SEINERS INCLUDED IN  
LOT WITH 35,000 POUNDS  
MACKEREL**

Fresh fish arrivals increased somewhat here since yesterday, when 63,600 pounds were landed. Three seiners had 35,000 pounds of mackerel, the Cape Ann Cold Storage taking the trip of the Mariana, which has 10,000 pounds, while the other two fares of the Jennie and Julia, and the St. Peter went to the Producers' Fish Company.

Seven gill netters had a total of 11,100 pounds of cod, the Enterprise, Capt. Peter Tysver, having the best trip, which was only 2500 pounds. The halibuter Catherine brought 14,000 pounds of salt cod to the Davis Brothers Fisheries yesterday afternoon. Five small trawlers had a total of 3500 pounds of cod.

Two lobster smacks, the Satellite and the Fannie, were in port Tuesday with a total of 42,400 pounds of live lobsters for the Consolidated Lobster company of Bay View, from Cape Breton and Nova Scotia.

### Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts

The arrivals and fares in detail: Jennie and Julia, seining, 20,000 lbs. mackerel.

St. Peter, via Boston, 5000 lbs. mackerel.

Theresa, trawling 1200 lbs. cod.

Cora Jane, trawling, 1100 lbs. cod.

Ripple, trawling 400 lbs. cod.

C6696, trawling 400 lbs. cod.

C2052, trawling 400 lbs. cod.

Mariana, seining, 10,000 lbs. mackerel.

Smack Satellite, Louisburg, C. B., 16,400 lbs. lobsters.

Catherine, via Boston, 14,000 lbs. salt cod.

Smack Fannie, Tusket, N. S., 186 crates lobsters.

Ruth Lucille, seining, returned for repairs.

Alden, via Boston.

### Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts

Enterprise, 2500 lbs. cod.

Naomi Bruce II., 2000 lbs. cod.

Phyllis A., 1800 lbs. cod.

Virginia and Joan, 1400 lbs. cod.

Edna Fae, 1200 lbs. cod.

Nasawena, 1200 lbs. cod.

C. A. Meister, 1000 lbs. cod.

### On the Ways

Str. Ruth Lucille is on Parkhurst's marine railways.

### TIMES FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

Large salt trawl cod, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.50.

Large cusk, \$1.50; medium, \$1.

Hake, \$1.

Fish not gilled, large cod, 20 cents less; medium cod, 15 cents less.

#### Splitting Prices.

Large fresh cod, \$1.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1; snappers, 50 cents.

Haddock, 50 cents.

Hake, 60 cents.

Pollock, 50 cents.

Large cusk, 75 cents; medium, 50 cents.

## TWENTY IN THE FLEET AT BOSTON

**SIX SEINERS HAVE 100,000 LBS.—  
MACKEREL PRICE AT  
MINIMUM.**

Twenty vessels brought their fares to market at the Boston fish pier this morning. Receipts totalled 360,000 pounds of groundfish, 100,000 pounds of fresh mackerel and 85,000 pounds of mixed fish.

Mackerel were moving slow at the minimum price, 2 to 3 cents.

Groundfish prices were fairly good with haddock \$3; large cod, \$5 and markets, \$3.50.

### Boston Arrivals and Receipts

The arrivals and fares in detail:

Str. Boston, 55,000 haddock, 45,000 cod, 26,000 mixed fish.

Str. Dartmouth, 65,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 20,000 mixed fish.

Str. Ebb, 90,000 haddock, 4800 cod, 2300 mixed fish.

Exeter, 36,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 12,000 mixed cod.

Gertrude M. Fauci, 57,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 15,000 scrod.

Marietta and Mary, 16,000 mackerel.

Thelma, 19,000 mackerel.

Alicia, 20,000 mackerel.

Mary W., 3500 mackerel.

Sebastiano C., 20,000 mackerel.

Alice and Mildred, 500 large mackerel, 14,000 small mackerel.

Lucy, 1500 mackerel.

Santina, 4000 mackerel.

Boat, 600 mackerel.

Arthur and Matthew, 9200 mixed fish.

Evangeline D., 6300 mixed fish.

Mary and Jennie, 7300 mixed fish.

Eddie and Lulu M., 5200 mixed fish.

Flora and Marino, 8000 mixed fish.

Roma, 5700 mixed fish.

Haddock, \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$5; market cod, \$3.50; hake, \$2 to \$2.25; pollock, \$1.50; cusk, \$1; gray sole, 3 cents per lb.; lemon sole, 7 cents; black backs, 2 1-2 cents; yellow tails, 1 1-2 cents; mackerel, 2 cents to 3 cents; catfish, 1 1-4 cents.

### Notice to Mariners.

The Superintendent of Lighthouses, Portland, Me., announces the following:

East Penobscot Bay, Me.—Isle au Haut Light Station—Light to be changed to flashing red with white sector and fog bell permanently discontinued about June 27, 1933. Light will show a flash of .3 second duration every three seconds, of 65 candlepower in red and 210 candlepower in white sector. (Light List, Atlantic Coast, 1933, No. 32 and Local Light List, New England Coast, 1932, No. 32, p. 12.)

West Penobscot Bay, Me.—Dice Head Light Station—Fog Bell to be permanently discontinued about June 27, 1933. (Light List, Atlantic Coast, 1933, No. 37 and Local Light List, New England Coast, 1932, No. 47, p. 14.)

### Lobster Notes.

Hiram Tumbler, a well-known fisherman of Bell's Island, was in Bridgewater, N. S., Monday, by motor boat. He stated that the lobster fishing season which closed last week was the poorest season known in the memory of the oldest fishermen, many of the fishermen not earning enough to pay expenses.

Codfishing is very dull and bait is scarce in the vicinity of Cape LaHave, the past week. Large boats fishing off shore also report fishing dull.

The Violetta G., Capt. Alman Parks, loaded lumber and shingles on Saturday for Riverport, also general cargo for discharge at LaHave.



# SEINER SAVED FROM DESTRUCTION BY FEW FEET

## The Ruth Lucille Escaped with Minor Damage When Ocean Freighter Struck Her Near Forward Name Plate

Ten feet may not be much of a distance, but to the skipper and crew of the local mackerel seiner Ruth Lucille, it was just the difference between life and sudden death, for the freighter Santa Cecilia out of Boston bound for Wilmington, Delaware, missed by that many feet from smothering the 100 ton craft under the ocean's surface, 25 miles off Chatham, and 19 miles east southeast of Pollock Rip lightship, about 2 o'clock Wednesday morning.

It was a mighty narrow escape for Capt. Tom Benham and his men, and one which they do not care to repeat. As it was, the Ruth Lucille received a powerful whack just beneath the name plate, which ripped away the planking at that point, and opened up the seams of the aft portion of the deck so that there would have been no chance for the craft to proceed to port under her own power if the sea had not been so calm and unruffled.

### All on Deck

Capt. Benham and his crew were all on deck watching for mackerel schools when the crash occurred. They had sailed from here Tuesday afternoon, bound for the vicinity of No Man's Land, and were nosing their way through the thick blanket of fog, one of the worst of the season, with visibility hardly 150 feet from the prow, when suddenly, looming out of the fog, they spotted the dark ominous hull of the 6000-ton freighter, bearing down upon them, prepared to ram the small fisherman dead center. Capt. Benham ordered the warning signal, and the watch on the freighter took notice. The freighter then had three blasts given on its shrill whistle, to let the fisherman know that she was going full steam astern.

Both vessels did their best to avoid collision and because of the alert watch maintained on both ships, the steamer was able to slide past that center, and hit the name plate.

### Freighter Stood By

Capt. Benham taking no chances, requested the freighter's skipper to notify the Coast Guard, believing that the vessel might have been strained so badly that it would be unsafe for the crew to stay aboard. The freighter's skipper was most considerate, and stood by for three hours to make sure that all was secure aboard the fisherman. But about 5 o'clock, Capt. Benham decided that since there seemed to be no promise of heavy weather for a while, his boat could make the distance back to port, and thus both vessels went their way.

The Ruth Lucille which docked at

the Independent Fisheries wharf yesterday afternoon, will go on Parkhurst's Marine railways for an examination and repairs.

### POSTAL RECEIPTS

#### JUMP SHARPLY

Harrisburg, Penn., showed the largest percentage of increase in postal receipts of May, as compared with that month a year ago, of any of the 100 selected and industrial postoffices. It was 57.44 per cent. May is the first month for the lists to show an increase in receipts for some time.

Total receipts for the 50 selected cities were announced by the Post-office Department as \$24,392,766, an increase of 7.83 per cent over May a year ago. Only Chicago and Dayton, O., showed decreases in offices of that list.

For the 50 industrial cities total receipts were \$2,702,650, an increase of 7.56 per cent. Seven of these 50 offices showed declines from May, last year.

Receipts of offices in the East and the percentage of increase follow:

New York, \$5,101,848, increase 8.28 per cent; Philadelphia, \$1,251,827; and 7.82 per cent; Boston, \$1,280,892, and 15.49 per cent; Pittsburgh, \$450,489, and 5.59 per cent; Buffalo, \$305,944, and 7.34 per cent; Newark, \$369,724, and 7.37 per cent; Rochester, \$195,830, and 3.16 per cent; Providence, \$158,516, and 11.1 per cent; Hartford, \$179,921, and 15.64 per cent; Syracuse, \$126,242, and 15.77 per cent; New Haven, \$122,938, and 6.73 per cent; Jersey City, \$101,854, and 14.44 per cent.

Springfield, Mass., \$102,448, and 13.48 per cent; Worcester, Mass., \$90,796, and 9.84 per cent; Albany, \$168,526.

### Nova Bait Report.

Canso—No bait. Sch. Hesperus in port. Ice available.

Halifax—Twenty thousand pounds frozen herring available.

Liverpool—Plenty ice available. Bait for local use, only. Drifters getting fairly good catches of herring.

Lockeport—Limited quantity of bait only.

Lunenburg—No bait. Ice available. North Sydney—No bait. Ice available.

Queensport—Fresh bait scarce. No vessels in port.

Port Hawkesbury—Fifty thousand pounds frozen herring and plenty ice available.

Shelburne—Forty thousand pounds frozen herring available.

Yarmouth—Plenty fresh and frozen bait and ice available.

Grindstone—Plenty herring and ice at Etang du Nord, Hospital Cape, and Grindstone. Scarce at Amherst. Mackerel nets now set in Pleasant Bay.

Plenty of mackerel were being taken out of the hold this morning from the mackerel seiner Alden at the Independent Fisheries wharf, when Capt. Percy Firth, who was unable like others to find a buyer in Boston, decided that some deserving families at home would have the benefit of the mighty nice looking fish.

Capt. Archie McLoud was in port again yesterday afternoon, having brought the halibuter Catherine down from Boston after finally selling the catch. He docked at Davis Brothers' wharf and the latter concern took the 14,000 pounds of salt cod that remained in the hold. Capt. Archie will not linger here very long, but will refit and return to the Grand bank.

Only nine gill netters are left in the field out of a list of nearly 20, most of them quitting the game due to lack of haddock and cod, and will probably return to the grounds within the next three months.

The beautiful and luxurious yacht, Cuttysark, is once more in the inner harbor, anchored off Sherm Tarr's neck of the woods. This 87-foot power yacht, owned by Charles T. Jeffery of Boston, was only launched last year.

Ralph Pearson of Boston is once more aboard the olden lighter Herbert over to Rocky Neck with his family, and intends to resume holding classes there as of last year. 'Tis quite a novelty for the waterfront, which in this section knows many varieties of life, making it among the most interesting places on the Cape. And that's no foolin'.

Plenty of salt will soon be in port, the steamer Baron Ailsa being due from Torre Vieja, Spain. The "Baron" has 3300 tons of salt consigned to Gorton-Pew Fisheries of this city, and is expected to arrive here about the 20th of the month.

The Catherine Burke, Capt. Alden Fish pier circles, is beginning to accumulate new problems according to those in the know, who believe that another meeting of the skippers will have to be held to straighten out the difficulties. However, the beauty of the agreement thus far has been that only two skippers, it is said, have refrained from sticking with the fleet on their rules for better conditions. SQUIBS.

### Portland, Me., News.

Two vessels landed 14,000 pounds of groundfish at Portland, Me., piers Wednesday. The Bass Harbor dragger Annie T. Mack took out 10,000 pounds at the Portland Fish Company's plant and the gillnetter Anna C. took out 4000 pounds at the Co-operative Fish Company's plant.

are well up on the lightship. As a rule fog is not seen until ships the ship until Boston was in sight. and this murky bank hovered over fog 250 miles south of the lightship. Honduras, the Blas struck a heavy Steaming up from Puerto Cortez. ship. fog so far south of Nantucket Light- out of Boston had he encountered fore in his years of running in and room with the report that never be- Long wharf. Boston, yesterday after- Blas, brought his ship alongside at United Fruit Company's vessel San George H. Grant, skipper of the ing ahead for possible danger. Capl. or a moment's relaxation from peer- the bridge without a wink of sleep weary and worn from 44 hours on

FAR SOUTH BEFORE  
NEVER SAW FOG SO